

# Chalica

(Kinda like Hanukah, only different.)

*This idea originally came from a 2007 Facebook event invitation by Daylene Marshall that was passed around among UU Facebook users.*

**Overview:** Chalica is seven days long and runs from the first Monday in December through to the following Sunday. Each day represents a different Unitarian Principle, a chalice is lit each day and gift(s) are given and received. Gifts can be made, bought, verbal, written, acts, shared/personal celebrations. One can have seven different chalices or one common chalice.

**Theme:** Chalica - Celebration of the Flame

**Materials:** Varies, please see the Detailed Description

**Details:** The days are as follows:

**Monday:** *We light our chalice for the inherent worth and dignity of every person.*

- Give gift(s) to honor those you do not understand / agree with / like. Examples:
- a thank-you card celebrating differences
- words of forgiveness / apology
- a peace offering such as inviting someone to diner
- help someone in need

**Tuesday:** *We light our chalice for justice, equity and compassion in human relations.*

- Give gift(s) to honor those in your local community that are less fortunate.

Examples:

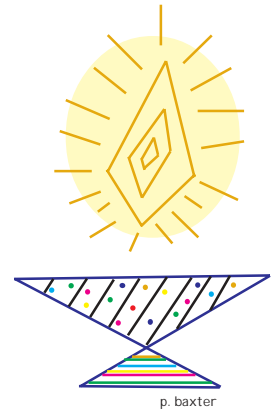
- spend time in a soup kitchen
- donate clothes to a worthy organization
- display kindness and care to those around you
- take part in a political demonstration at city hall

**Wednesday:** *We light our chalice for acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.*

- Give gift(s) to honor fellow Unitarians and their spiritual journey.

Examples:

- a chalice / book / hymnal
- extend words of peace or forgiveness to a fellow Unitarian with whom you may have hurt / not understood in the past
- offer / take part in an event at your church / with your congregation
- church potluck



**Thursday:** *We light our chalice for a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.*

- Give gift(s) to honor another tradition, to honor education

Examples:

- offer / take part in an event that celebrates another religion / tradition
- teach someone something you know and love
- learn something new from someone else
- give a book / read a book

**Friday:** *We light our chalice for the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large.*

- Give gift(s) to honor democracy

Examples:

- help a political party
- write your government
- help a committee at church
- host a dinner / party to celebrate democracy

**Saturday:** *We light our chalice for the goal of world peace, liberty and justice for all.*

- Give gift(s) to honor our global community

Examples:

- volunteer with an organization that has global influence
- write a letter for Amnesty International
- help your social justice committee hold a fundraiser
- donate to a cause such as UNICEF, Doctors Without Borders, etc.

**Sunday:** *We light our chalice for respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*

- Give gift(s) to our earth and/or its creatures

Examples:

- start composting
- recycle bottles and cans and donate the money to an environmental / animal aid society
- rescue an animal from a shelter
- hold an outdoor worship service (dress warmly/bonfire)